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- 1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT MATERIAL ON RELEASE OF FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FOREIGN CIVILIANS (INCLUDING US) FOR USE AS ENVISAGED PARA THREE REFTEL:
- A) COMPLETE LISTS OF CAPTURED FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS SHALL BE FURNISHED ON THE DATE OF THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOLS.
- B) ALL CAPTURED FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FOREIGN CIVILIANS SHALL BE RELEASED ON THE FIRST DAY AFTER THE DATE OF THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOLS. US MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PRISONERS ARE, IN ANY CASE, TO BE RELEASED BY MARCH 28, 1973.

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- C) THE TWO SIDES SHALL HELP EACH OTHER TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FOREIGN CIVILIANS WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION IN LAOS, TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION AND CARE FOR THE GRAVES OF THE DEAD SO AS TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE EXHUMATION AND RETURN OF REMAINS, AND TO PERMIT SUCH OTHER PEACEFUL MEASURES AS MAY BE DEVISED TO FACILITATE THE SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION.
- 2. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT USG EXPECTS RELEASE OF US/ FOREIGN PRISONERS IN LAOS WITHIN THE SAME SIXTY DAYS SPECIFIED IN VIETNAM AGREEMENT-- THAT IS, BY MARCH 28. YOU COULD FURTHER NOTE THERE IS NO BASIS IN LAOS FOR PHASING PRISONER RELEASES TO US TROOP WITHDRAWALS (AS IN VIETNAM). RELEASE OF US/ FOREIGN PRISONERS SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT START OF SIXTY DAY PERIOD, AS STATED IN (B) ABOVE. ROGERS

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